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TO DIRECTOR 62-109060 AND DALLAS 89-43

FROM NEW ORLEANS 89-69

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS
INFO CONCERNING, OO: DALLAS.

THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM, RED COMET EDITION, SEPT.
TWELVE INSTANT, REPORTED THAT ATTORNEYS FOR CLAY L. SHAW
PARADED A LONG LINE OF WITNESSES BEFORE THE ORLEANS PARISH
CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT YESTURDAY AT A PRE-TRIAL HEARING ON
A MOTION TO QUASH THE INDICTMENT AGAINST SHAW, INCLUDING
MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY WHICH INDICTED SHAW. THE ARTICLE
REPORTED THAT J.C. ALVARADO, ONE OF THE JURORS WHO IS A
VICE PRESIDENT OF LA. AND SOUTHERN LIFE INSURANCE CO.,
ADMITTED AN OFFICER IN THE INSURANCE FIRM CONTRIBUTED TO
TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES BUT WAS PREVENTED FROM NAMING THE
PERSON BY CRIMINAL DISTRICT JUDGE EDWARD A. HAGGERTY.

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THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE DEFENSE LAUNCHED AN
ATTACK ON THE GRAND JURY AND THE SYSTEM BY WHICH GRAND JURIES
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ARE SELECTED. THE ATTACK ON GRAND JURIES IN GENERAL FOLLOWED THE LINE THAT WOMEN ARE SYSTEMATICALLY EXCLUDED FROM GRAND JURIES AND THAT NEGROES ARE SYSTEMATICALLY INCLUDED AND THAT SELECTION FROM THE JURY WHEEL MAY HAVE BEEN ILLEGAL. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE SPECIFIC ATTACK ON THE GRAND JURY WHICH INDICTED SHAW CENTERED ON ITS CONDUCT. DEFENSE ATTORNEY F. IRVIN DYMOND QUESTIONED EACH MEMBER OF THE GRAND JURY AS TO WHETHER HE OR ANYONE WITH WHOM HE IS CONNECTED HAD EVER CONTRIBUTED TO TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES. DYMOND ALSO ASKED ABOUT INDICTMENT DELIBERATIONS AND APPEARANCES BEFORE THE JURIES BY PERSONS OTHER THAN THE DA'S STAFF. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, JURORS WERE PREVENTED FROM ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO INDICTMENT DELIBERATIONS AND APPEARANCES BEFORE THE GRAND JURY BY JUDGE HAGGERTY AND DYMOND FILED A BILL OF EXCEPTION TO EACH DECISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPEAL.

THE ARTICLE ALSO REPORTED THAT PHILLIP J. MEYER, CHAIRMAN NOEL D. RADA AND MRS. LOUISE BISTES, MEMBERS OF THE JURY COMMISSION WERE QUESTIONED REGARDING THE METHOD OF

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SUPPLYING THE NAMES OF PROSPECTIVE JURORS FOR THE JURY WHEEL AND THE NUMBER OF NAMES MAINTAINED ON THE JURY WHEEL. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT SEVERAL CONTRADICTIONS CAME OUT OF TESTIMONY BY THE JURY COMMISSIONERS. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT JUDGE HAGGERTY STATED THAT THE LAW REQUIRES SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY NAMES ON THE JURY WHEEL AT ALL TIMES AND ORDERED A COUNT MADE OF THE CURRENT NAMES AVAILABLE FOR GRAND JURY SELECTION. THE RESULT OF THIS COUNT SHOWED THERE WERE SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTYNINE NAMES ON THE JURY WHEEL.

NEW ORLEANS STATES ITEM, RED FLASH EDITION, SEPT. TWELVE INSTANT, REPORTED THAT WILLARD E. ROBERTSON, AN OFFICIAL OF TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES, INC. TESTIFIED THAT NO MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY WHICH INDICTED CLAY SHAW CONTRIBUTED TO OR ARE MEMBERS OF TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES.

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE BEFORE TODAY'S SESSION CONVENED, DEFENSE ATTORNEY IRVIN DYMOND FILED A SUPPLIMENTAL MOTION TO QUASH SHAW'S INDICTMENT ON THE BASIS OF YESTERDAY'S

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HEARING TESTIMONY. JUDGE HAGGERTY PERMITTED DYMOND TO FILE THE MOTION BUT SAID, "I'M NOT GOING TO INTERRUPT THIS HEARING TO LET YOU INCORPORATE THE SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION TO QUASH INTO THIS HEARING.

"I'M GOING TO LET YOU FILE IT AND GIVE THE STATE TIME TO FILE WRITTEN ANSWERS.

"WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER HEARING IF NECESSARY."

THE ARTICLE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE NEW SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION DYMOND CITED PROVISIONS IN THE STATE'S NEW CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE WHICH PROVIDES THAT SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY NAMES MUST BE ON THE JURY WHEEL WHEN THE GRAND JURY VENIRE IS SELECTED. DYMOND ALLEGED THAT THERE WERE FEWER THAN SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY NAMES ON THE WHEEL WHEN THE GRAND JURY IN QUESTION WAS SELECTED AND CITED ANOTHER PROVISION OF THE CODE TO THE EFFECT THAT A MOTION TO QUASH AN INDICTMENT MAY BE MADE ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE GRAND JURY WAS IMPROPERLY SELECTED.

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THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT JOSEPH M. RAULT, ANOTHER TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES OFFICIAL, TESTIFIED THAT THE GROUP HAD ONLY THREE MEMBERS WHOM HE IDENTIFIED AS RAULT, WILLARD ROBERTSON AND CECIL SHILSTONE. RAULT TESTIFIED THAT HE KNEW IN GENERAL THE NAMES OF THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS TO THE GROUP AND THOUGHT HE WOULD RECOGNIZE THE NAMES IF THEY WERE MENTIONED. RAULT WAS SPECIFICALLY ASKED IF HE RECOGNIZED THE NAMES J.C. ALVARADO AND H.R. FRIEDBERG AND TESTIFIED HE DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE NAMES AS THOSE OF CONTRIBUTORS TO THE GROUP. RAULT ALSO TESTIFIED THAT EACH OF THE THREE MEMBERS OF TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES KEEPS A RECORD OF CONTRIBUTORS BUT THAT HIS OFFICE KEEPS MOST OF THEM.

THE NEW ORLEANS STATES ITEM, FINAL EDITION, SEPT. TWELVE INSTANT, REPORTED THAT CRIMINAL DISRTICT JUDGE EDWARD A. HAGGERTY TODAY ENDED A HEARING ON A MOTION TO QUASH THE

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PROPERTY WAS HELD AT THE CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING WHETHER THERE WAS A TWO-WAY MIRROR IN THE DA'S OFFICE OF WHETHER HE HAD TALKED WITH A POLYGRAPH OPERATOR REGARDING PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO OR WHO AUTHORIZED THE COMPLETION OF THE PLOYGRAPH TEST. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY MINUTES DEFENSE ATTORNEY DYMOND ASKED QUESTIONS OF GURVICH TO WHICH THE STATE OBJECTED AND IN EACH INSTANCE THE JUDGE SUSTAINED THE OBJECTION.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT DA GARRISON FOLLOWED GURVICH TO THE WITNESS STAND AND TESTIFIED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED FINANCIAL AID FROM THE ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES AND WHEN ASKED WHETHER PERRY RUSSO FAILED SEVERAL TIMES DURING HIS POLYGRAPH TEST REPLIED "CERTAINY HE DID NOT". ON INSTRUCTIONS OF JUDGE HAGGERTY, THE DA DID NOT ANSWER ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT ASSISTANT DA JAMES L. ALCOCK TOOK THE STAND AND WAS ADVISED BY JUDGE HAGGERTY THAT HE

WAS GOING TO LET ALCOCK OBJECT TO ANY QUESTIONS ASKED AND IF HE SAW FIT NOT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTION AND THAT JUDGE HAGGERTY WAS GOING TO SUSTAIN IT. ALCOCK WAS ASKED QUESTION RELATING TO VERNON BUNDY AND WHETHER ALCOCK HAD OBJECTED TO PUTTING BUNDY ON THE STAND AND ALCOCK OBJECTED. OTHER QUESTIONS PUT TO HIM BY DEFENSE ATTORNEY DREW THE SAME RESPONSE AND ALCOCK WAS EXCUSED.

NO MEMO BEING SUBMITTED.

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